**Expenses survey: column headings**

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| **Col name** | **Question** | **Item** | **Notes** |
| Block Order |  |  | Specifies whether participants were in the Control group or Experimental treatment 1, 2 or 3. |
| 4A / 8A / 10A / 12A | To what extent do you agree that…  1= strongly disagree  2 = disagree  3 = neither agree nor disagree  4= agree  5 = strongly agree | I trust the current government in Westminster to do what is right |  |
| 4B / 8B / 10B / 12B | I trust the current Prime Minister to act in the best interests of people in the UK |  |
| 4C / 8C / 10C / 12C | I trust my local MP to represent my constituency |  |
| 4D / 8D / 10D / 12D | MPs are too easily influenced by the rich and powerful | Should be reverse coded |
| 4E / 8E / 10E / 12E | MPs are guided by public, rather than private, interests |  |
| 4F / 8F / 10F / 12F | MPs understand the needs of people like me |  |
| 4G / 8G / 10G / 12G | Most MPs don't have the right skills to do the job | Should be reverse coded |
| 5 - Q19 | On average, how much do you think each MP claims in expenses per year? Please make your best guess if you are not sure. | [free response] | Only participants in the control group were asked this question (after the trust battery). Other participants were told the value earlier in the survey. |
| 6 – Q20  7 – Q20  9 – Q20  11 – Q20 | In general, do you think MPs' expenses claims are too high, too low or about right? | 1 = Much too low  2 = Somewhat too low  3 = About right  4 = Somewhat too high  5 = Much too high |  |
| 13 - Q18 | How interested would you say you are in politics? | 1 = Very interested  2 = Quite interested  3 = Hardly interested  4 = Not at all interested |  |
| 14 – Q20 | Which political party appeals to you most? | 1 = Conservative Party  2 = Labour Party  3 = Liberal Democrats  4 = Green Party  5 = Reform UK  6 = Scottish National Party  7 = Plaid Cymru  8 = Democratic Unionist Party  9 = Sinn Féin  10 = None  11 = Other (please specify) |  |
| Column2 | Free text response to ‘Other (please specify)’ above |  |
| 15 – Q21 | How did you vote in the UK European Union Membership referendum (the 'Brexit' referendum) in 2016? | 1 = Voted 'Leave'  2 = Voted 'Remain'  3 = Spoilt ballot paper  4 = Did not vote  5 = Was not eligible to vote  6 = Don't know/not sure  7 = Prefer not to say |  |
| 16 – Q13 | Which of these describes your personal income last year? | 1 = Below £20,000  2 = £20,000 - £39,000  3 = £40,000 - £59,000  4 = £60,000 - £79,000  5 = £80,000 - £99,000  6 = £100,000 - £119,000  7= £120,000 - £139,000  8 = Above £139,000  9 = Prefer not to answer |  |
| 17 – Q14 | Do you have experience of claiming expenses to cover additional work-related costs (e.g. travel)? | 1 = Yes, I have claimed expenses in my current job or in a previous role  2 = No, I have never made an expenses claim  3 = Not sure |  |
| 18 – Q23 | What is the highest level of education you have completed? | 1 = Secondary education (e.g. GCSEs or equivalent)  2 = Technical/community college  3 = Sixth form (‘A’ levels or similar)  4 = Undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc)  5 = Master’s Degree  6 = Doctorate  7 = Other | This question was added after the survey was tested so does not appear in the survey printout. |

Additional columns contain data provided by Prolific (the online survey platform) and are self-explanatory